

**Remarks**

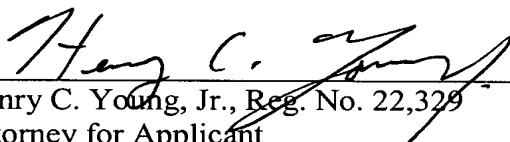
Claims 3, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15 through 20 are now pending.

Applicant's claim 3 has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, relating to its Markusch language.

**Discussion**

It is believed that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, has been remedied by the amendments made to the claims and that the Applicant's claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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